

February 18, 2003

TO: Members of the MAG Regional Council

FROM: Mayor Wendy Feldman-Kerr, Queen Creek, Chair

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Meeting - 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, February 26, 2003

MAG Office, Suite 200 - Saguaro Room

302 North 1st Avenue, Phoenix

Dinner - 6:30 p.m.

MAG Office, Suite 200

The next Regional Council meeting will be held at the MAG offices at the time and place noted above. Members of the Regional Council may attend either in person, by videoconference or by telephone conference call. Members who wish to remove any items from the Consent Agenda are requested to contact the MAG office. MAG will host a dinner/reception for the Regional Council members following the meeting in the MAG Cholla Room on the 2nd floor. Supporting information is enclosed for your review.

Please park in the garage under the Compass Bank Building. Parking places will be reserved for Regional Council members on the first and second levels of the garage. Bring your ticket to the meeting, parking will be validated. For those using transit, the Regional Public Transportation Authority will provide transit tickets for your trip. For those using bicycles, please lock your bicycle in the bike rack in the garage.

Pursuant to Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), MAG does not discriminate on the basis of disability in admissions to or participation in its public meetings. Persons with a disability may request a reasonable accommodation, such as a sign language interpreter, by contacting Valerie Day at the MAG office. Requests should be made as early as possible to allow time to arrange the accommodation.

If you have any questions, please call the MAG office.

**MAG REGIONAL COUNCIL
TENTATIVE AGENDA
February 26, 2003**

		<u>COUNCIL ACTION REQUESTED</u>
1.	<u>Call to Order</u>	
2.	<u>Pledge of Allegiance</u>	
3.	<u>Call to the Audience</u> An opportunity will be provided to members of the public to address the Regional Council for items that are not included on the agenda. Citizens will be requested not to exceed a three minute time period for their comments. A total of 15 minutes will be provided for the Call to the Audience agenda item, unless the Regional Council requests an exception to this limit.	3. For information.
4.	<u>Executive Director's Report</u> The MAG Executive Director will provide a report to the Regional Council on activities of general interest.	4. For information and discussion.
5.	<u>Approval of Consent Agenda</u> Council members may request that an item be removed from the consent agenda. Prior to action on the consent agenda, members of the audience will be provided an opportunity to comment on consent items that are being presented for action. Consent items are marked with an asterisk.	5. Approve the Consent Agenda.

ITEMS PROPOSED FOR CONSENT*

MINUTES

*5A.	<u>Approval of January 29, 2003 Meeting Minutes</u>	5A. Review and approve January 29, 2003 meeting minutes.
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AIR QUALITY ITEMS

*5B.	<u>Conformity Consultation</u>	5B. For consultation.
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A proposed amendment to the FY 2003-2007 Transportation Improvement Program involves the addition of five new Transportation Enhancement projects in fiscal years 2003 and 2004. In addition, the amendment also includes the deferral of two Maricopa County intersection safety and improvement projects and one Transportation Enhancement project from FY 2002 to FY 2003. An amendment is required to add the new projects to the TIP. The amendment involves new projects that are considered exempt from conformity determinations and minor project revisions that do not require a conformity determination. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*5C. Revised Funding Distribution for the Clean Cities Dedicated Alternative Fuel Vehicle Rebate Program

On July 25, 2001, the Regional Council approved a distribution of the \$70,000 in grant funding from the Clean Cities Dedicated Alternative Fuel Rebate Program. As of January 2003, MAG was informed by some of the recipients that they will be unable to expend \$12,000 of their remaining grant funds when the grant ends on May 31, 2003. Due to the Department of Energy needing to be advised by February 28, 2003, staff contacted the remaining agencies to indicate if they could expend the remaining funds. Two agencies indicated that they could expend the remaining funds. The Management Committee recommended that the City of Phoenix receive the remaining \$12,000. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*5D. Amendment to the FY 2003 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget for the Telework Outreach Program

The Regional Public Transportation Authority (RPTA) Telework Outreach Program is requesting to use \$160,000 of its \$300,000 grant to launch an Ozone Education Program this Spring. The Management Committee recommended amending the FY 2003 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to accomplish this task. Please refer to the enclosed material.

5C. Approve the revised distribution of the remaining \$12,000 in funds from the U.S. Department of Energy for the Clean Cities Dedicated Alternative Fuel Vehicle Rebate Program.

5D. Approve an amendment to the FY 2003 MAG Unified Planning Work Program to use \$160,000 from the Telework Outreach Program for an Ozone Education Program conducted by the Regional Public Transportation Authority.

TRANSPORTATION ITEMS

*5E. Red Letter Notification

The Regional Council approved the Red Letter Process in 1996 to provide early notification of potential development in planned freeway alignments. Development activities include actions on plans, zoning, and permits. Notifications will be placed on the consent agenda for information and discussion at the Transportation Review Committee, Management Committee, and Regional Council meetings. If a member wishes to take action on a notification, the item can be removed from the consent agenda for further discussion. The item could then be placed on the agenda of a subsequent meeting for action. Please refer to the enclosed material.

5E. Information and discussion.

*5F. Approval of Rubberized Asphalt Improvements

In January, the funding for the rubberized asphalt improvements was approved by the Regional Council contingent upon the map of the improvements being approved at the February meeting. The Transportation Review Committee (TRC) recommended the map for the implementation of the rubberized asphalt improvements. The Management Committee concurred with the TRC and further refined the recommendation to include a contingency that if a city could work a trade with another city that would not negatively impact the rest of the system, or if a city could provide alternative funding that would not negatively impact the rest of the system, that would be allowed. These would be material changes, which would need to come back to MAG for approval. This item is on the February 19 Transportation Policy Committee agenda. An update will be provided on action taken by the Committee. Please refer to the enclosed material.

5F. Approve the map to implement the rubberized asphalt improvements, with the contingency that if a city could work a trade with another city that would not negatively impact the rest of the system, or if a city could provide alternative funding that would not negatively impact the rest of the system, that would be allowed.

*5G. Amendment to the FY 2003-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program for Safety and Enhancement Fund Projects

Recently, the State Transportation Board approved Transportation Enhancement Activity

5G. Approve an amendment to the FY 2003-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program for federal Transportation Safety and Enhancement funds as shown on the attached Table One.

(TEA) funding for four projects within the MAG region. In addition, MAG was notified of two Surface Transportation program, Hazard Elimination Safety (STP-HES) funded Maricopa County projects and two TEA funded projects (one for Chandler and one for ADOT) that need to be added to the TIP. It is necessary to amend the current TIP to include these projects in FY 2003 and FY 2004 so that they may proceed to construction. The Management Committee recommended approval of this amendment. This item is on the February 19 Transportation Policy Committee agenda. An update will be provided on action taken by the Committee. Please refer to the enclosed material.

GENERAL ITEM

*5H. Approval of Recommendations for Social Services Block Grant Fund Recommendations, SFY 2003-2004

Each year, the Human Services Coordinating Committee identifies which services should be targeted for Social Services Block Grant Funds (SSBG). This year, the federal government has not specified and appropriated SSBG funding to the states for the 2003-2004 fiscal year. To move the funding allocation process along as soon as funds become available, the Department of Economic Security has requested that MAG identify services and funding amounts using the same funding allocation figures as in the 2002-2003 fiscal year. To accommodate this request, the MAG Human Services Coordinating Committee has recommended using the 2002-2003 recommendations for the 2003-2004 fiscal year. The Management Committee concurred with the recommendation. Please refer to the enclosed material.

5H. Approval of the priority needs, services and funding recommendations for SFY 2003-2004 to be forwarded to the Arizona Department of Economic Security for advertisement and contracting.

ITEMS PROPOSED TO BE HEARD

TRANSPORTATION ITEMS

6. Transportation Policy Committee Update

An update on recent activities of the Transportation Policy Committee will be provided.

6. Information and discussion.

7. TEA-21 Reauthorization Update

At the January meeting, a draft resolution regarding guiding principles for reauthorization was presented for information and discussion. If approved, this resolution could be used in efforts from this region to advocate for the reauthorization of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21). Potential transit projects are included, which are being considered by the Regional Public Transportation Authority. Freeway/highway projects submitted by ADOT are also included, which will be considered by the State Transportation Board. The Management Committee recommended approval. Since the Management Committee meeting, we have also received projects from the City of Phoenix for consideration. Please refer to the enclosed material.

8. ADOT Life Cycle Program for the MAG Regional Freeway System and the MAG Region ADOT Statewide Program

Each year, ADOT prepares a revised Life Cycle Program for the MAG Regional Freeway System and a Five-Year Highway Construction Program for the MAG region. Even though MAG is not going to be updating the MAG Transportation Improvement Program and the MAG Long Range Transportation Plan this year, ADOT is requesting that the attached Life Cycle Program and the MAG Region Statewide Program be approved by MAG for the purpose of public review and comment. Once public comment is received and any subsequent program changes are made, the ADOT projects will be incorporated into the next update of the MAG TIP and LRTP, subject to air quality conformity analysis. The Management Committee recommended approval for the purpose of public review and comment. Please refer to the enclosed material.

7. Information, discussion and approval of the TEA-21 Reauthorization Resolution.

8. Approval of the Life Cycle Program for the MAG Regional Freeway System and the MAG Region Statewide Program for the purpose of public review and comment.

AIR QUALITY ITEM9. Air Quality Update

The Arizona Center for Law in the Public Interest filed a lawsuit challenging the Environmental

9. Information and discussion.

Protection Agency approval of the Revised MAG 1999 Serious Area Particulate Plan for PM-10 for the Maricopa County Nonattainment Area. On December 19, 2002, the Environmental Protection Agency filed its brief in defense of the plan. The American Trucking Associations, Inc. also submitted a brief in support of the Environmental Protection Agency. Please refer to the enclosed material.

GENERAL ITEMS

10. Discussion of the FY 2004 Proposed Revenues and Expenditures and Projects in the MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget

As part of our new budget process, staff is implementing an incremental review of key components of the budget and work program, leading to approval of the budget and work program in May 2003. For the February meeting, staff is providing an overview of MAG's estimated FY 2004 revenues and expenses and proposed new projects. This information is considered draft and subject to change. To further assist our member agencies, we are producing a summary budget document, called "MAG Programs in Brief." The purpose of this document is to provide an easy snapshot of the MAG budget. An initial draft of the "MAG Programs in Brief" will be presented for input from the Regional Council. Please refer to the enclosed material.

11. Legislative Update

Staff will provide a legislative report on HB 2288 regarding the Regional Transportation Districts and HB 2292 regarding the half cent sales tax.

12. Desert Peaks Update

Five years ago, the MAG Regional Council initiated the Desert Peaks Program to recognize regional efforts and the cooperation of governments, citizens, and the private sector.

MAG is beginning the initial planning of the Sixth Annual Desert Peaks Awards Dinner scheduled to

10. Information, discussion and input on the development of the Work Program and Annual Budget.

11. Information and discussion.

12. Information, discussion and possible action to review and approve the revenues, expenditures, and options for the Desert Peaks Awards Dinner.

be held on June 25, 2003. The total cost for this event is approximately \$48,519. Of that amount, \$15,478 is received from registration fees, sponsorship donations and dues, leaving \$36,144 that needs to be recovered through other funding sources. In discussions with the Federal Highway Administration, it was confirmed that MAG will need to use other funding sources to cover these remaining costs. Options that may be considered include increasing the registration fee, using MAG dues, holding the event every other year, or reducing the scope of the event. Please refer to the enclosed material.

13. Comments from the Council

An opportunity will be provided for Regional Council members to present a brief summary of current events. The Regional Council is not allowed to propose, discuss, deliberate or take action at the meeting on any matter in the summary, unless the specific matter is properly noticed for legal action.

13. Information.